

**General Activities Update
May 25, 2006**

Budget/Administration

- Met with Deputy Director of Resources, Finance; Department of Finance; and LAO staff for Senate and Assembly to discuss budget.
- Provided testimony to [Assembly Budget Sub-committee and Senate Budget Sub-committee and received support for 2006-07 FY budget](#), including increase from \$324,000 to 367,000.
- Submitted invoice in the amount of \$885 (bringing total to \$5,028) for reimbursement for services DPC staff provided to Delta Resource Conservation and Development Council under bio-energy grant.
- Discontinued leasing of postage meter which will result in a monthly savings of \$312.
- Submitted 2007-08 FY Concept Papers for Budget Change Proposals relative to: program management implementation of strategic plan (\$25,000); development of 10% match fund for Boating and Waterways Abandoned Vessel Grant Applications by Delta counties (\$50,000); funding support for Delta Mercury TMDL Collaborative expert support (\$15,000); and funding for completion of terrestrial/riparian component of Delta Master Recreation Strategy (\$150,000).
- Submitted Budget Revision to Finance to include Reimbursement Authority in Budget to allow for the receipt of reimbursement funds from County of Yolo in the amount of \$10,000, Department of Fish and Game in the amount of \$5,000, and the Sacramento Regional Sanitation District in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for consultant costs relative to the Mercury TMDL Collaborative, and \$8,000 from Delta RC&D for administrative services provided.

Legislation Staff is Monitoring (updates provided to Commissioners when timely)

- AB 797 (Wolk), Delta Protection Commission.
- AB 798 (Wolk), Flood Protection/Levee Maintenance (Levee Subventions Fund).
- AB 802 (Wolk), Land Use, Water Supply.
- AB 1244 (Wolk), Calfed Bay-Delta Program.
- AB 1561 (Umberg), State Boards and Commissions, Member Attendance.
- AB 1665 (Laird), Flood Control.
- AB 1877 (Nakanishi), Flood Control/F&G Streambed Alteration Permits.
- AB 1898 (Jones), Flood Insurance.
- AB 1899 (Wolk), Land Use, Flood Protection.
- AB 2901 (Wolk), Mercury Monitoring and Remediation.
- SB 200 (Machado), Conservancy.
- SB 1556 (Torlakson), Great California Delta Trail System.
- SB 1574 (Kuehl), Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
- SB 1612 (Simitian), Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security,

Submitted formal bill analyses to the Secretary for Resources on AB 797, AB 798, AB 1561, and SB 1556.

Testimony provided as to consistency with Delta Protection Act and the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta to:

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on SB 1556; Senate Appropriations Committee on SB 1556; Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials on AB 2901; and Senate Budget Sub-committee on Commission budget for 2006-07.

Met with staff of Representative Ellen Tauscher and US Senator Dianne Feinstein

Projects/Facilitation

- Attended the Yolo County Planning Commission hearing on the Old Sugar Mill Project Proposal.
- Provided testimony at Isleton Planning Commission/Sacramento County LAFCO Hearing on River Port Place II Project.
- Provided testimony at San Joaquin County Planning Commission Hearing on Poultry Farm on Roberts Island.
- Made presentation, along with representative from the Discover the Delta Foundation, to Yolo County Board of Supervisors for support of visitor center and Delta-wide signage. Received unanimous support and commitment to provide funding pursuant to action at a future meeting.
- Coordinated in-kind support from Contra Costa County to provide interpretive signage on three Delta In-Channel Islands relative to tule erosion control demonstration Project.
- Facilitated focus meeting discussions about Delta Trail Concept with ag representatives, and environment/recreation representatives.
- Made presentation to Solano County Ag Advisory Council about Delta Trail Concept.
- Facilitated, along with Department of Food & Ag, ag-focus discussions, including five-county farm bureaus, ag commissioners and resource conservation districts, as well as to the Working Landscapes Council about the Delta-wide Vision concept.
- Participated in focus discussions relative to ag, water, flooding protection, and fisheries for development of Yolo Wildlife Area Management Plan.
- Facilitated discussions with American Land Conservancy and Department of Fish and Game relative to potential for development of a Landowner-driven Delta Easement Program.
- Provided Delta perspective at Yolo County Water Resources Association Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Workshop.
- Participated in Sacramento River Floodway Corridor Forum meeting to provide Delta watershed perspective.
- Participating in SACOG flood control framework discussions to provide watershed perspective.
- Attended Corps of Engineers presentation on Draft Report to Congress on Delta Levee Program.
- Met with Department of Health Services relative to the posting of mercury warning signs at appropriate public access sites throughout the Delta.
- Participated in planning for Environmental Justice Summit held in April.
- Facilitated RFP process for soliciting consultants for Delta Mercury Collaborative and serving as pass through from funding entities (Yolo County, Fish and Game, and Sacramento Regional Sanitation District).
- Providing facilitation support for Resource Conservation and Development Council development of Bio-energy directory.

- Facilitated discussion with local HCP/NCCP entities regarding planning process for Delta HCP/NCCP conservation plan.
- Facilitated discussions on Delta-wide abandoned vessel removal.
- Attended Levees 101 Workshop in Antioch.
- Facilitated Long-Term Management Strategy discussion for dredging and permit streamlining.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Made presentation at California LAFCO Conference as part of a Panel on Competing Land Use and Water Supply Demands.
- Made presentation to the Bay Delta Authority about current activities of interest the Commission is involved in.
- Made presentation as part of the Water Education Foundation Delta Tour for the media
- Made presentation to Delta Tributaries Mercury Council about opportunities for collaboration with Mercury TMDL Collaborative.
- Participated in planning efforts for Delta Visioning Conference being sponsored by the Commission along with the Water Education Foundation, Department of Water Resources, and the University of the Pacific.
- Participated in planning efforts for Conference for Electeds about Delta-wide Emergency Response relative to societal impacts.
- Provided input for article on Land Use and Delta Visioning for Water Education Foundation May Newsletter.
- Attended Fish and Game presentation on Avian Flu facilitated by Secretary for Resources.
- Attended Secretary for Resources Legislative Orientation.
- Attended Water Education Foundation's Annual Executive Briefing.
- Attended Great Valley Center Conference.
- Routinely participate in weekly Resources Departments Public Information Officer meetings.
- Provided article about the Delta Trail Concept for inclusion in Delta Boating Newsletter.
- Provided display about DPC for Earth Day at the Capitol.
- Made significant improvements to Commission web site, including events and activities of interest, and meetings and conferences of interest.